

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Conditional Application of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (U 39 E) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing the Construction of the Los Banos-Gates 500 kV Transmission Project.

Application 01-04-012
(Filed April 13, 2001)

Order Instituting Investigation Into Implementation of Assembly Bill 970 Regarding the Identification of Electric Transmission and Distribution Constraints, Actions to Resolve Those Constraints, and Related Matters Affecting the Reliability of Electric Supply.

Investigation 00-11-001
(Filed November 2, 2000)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
IDENTIFYING EXHIBITS A AND B**

On November 30, 2001, Assigned Commissioner Lynch consolidated review of the Los Banos-Gates 500 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Project (Path 15 expansion project) with Investigation (I.) 00-11-001 and denied Pacific Gas and Electric Company's motion to withdraw Application (A.) 01-04-012. Consideration of the benefits of expanding Path 15 is occurring in I.00-11-001.

At my direction, Energy Division continued preparing environmental documents for the proposed Path 15 expansion project. In February 2002, the

Energy Division served the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR) on the service lists it developed for the proceeding.¹ The FSEIR consists of a 39-page standalone Executive Summary, a Table of Contents, an Executive Summary, Section A, Appendix 1, and Appendix 2.² At my direction, Energy Division assembled a complete copy of the FSEIR for purposes of placing a copy into the record. To ensure a complete record, I will mark for identification as Exhibit A the 39-page standalone Executive Summary. I will mark the Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report as Exhibit B.

If any party objects to my receiving these exhibits into evidence, they should contact me directly no later than March 29, 2002. In the event that no objections are received, Exhibits A and B will be received into evidence in A.01-04-012 as of March 29, 2002. At such time, these documents will be placed in the Commission's Central Files Office in the case file for A.01-04-012.

¹ A copy of the service lists are attached as Appendix A. If any other person wishes to receive a copy of the FSEIR they may send an email to Path15@aspeneg.com requesting a copy or access a copy from the Commission website by clicking on the link to the Los Banos-Gates 500 kV Transmission Project (A.01-04-01) at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/projects.htm>.

² The Table of Contents, Executive Summary, and Appendix 1 are designed to precede the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR). Appendix 2 contains pages that replace pages in the DSEIR where changes were made in response to comments. The compilation of these documents is entitled Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report.

IT IS RULED that:

1. A 39-page Executive Summary shall be identified as Exhibit A.
2. A multi page document entitled Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report shall be identified as Exhibit B.
3. In the absence of objections, Exhibits A and B shall be received into evidence as of March 29, 2002.

Dated March 14, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHELLE COOKE

Michelle Cooke
Administrative Law Judge

APPENDIX A

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties to which electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Identifying Exhibits A and B on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 14, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JEANNIE CHANG

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Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.